

REMARKS

The above referenced Office Action has been carefully reviewed and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. In the interest of clarity, the paragraph numbers below correspond to the paragraph numbers in the Office Action.

1. The Office Action indicates that several documents have been entered in this application that are inconsistent with Applicant's file and that also appear to be inconsistent with prosecution of this application in general. To this end, Applicant's file does not include a substitute specification or formal drawings filed on 4/20/01 and Applicant does not believe Applicant submitted such documents in this case. Moreover, Applicant believes Applicant did not intend to file such documents in this case.

Reviewing the prosecution history of this case Applicant notes that the previous Office Action (dated 7/26/02) did not recognize that a supplemental specification was filed on 4/20/01 or that formal drawings were filed on that date despite the fact that the previous Office Action was issued long after the papers were supposedly submitted. In any event, Applicant is unclear regarding the nature of the documents filed on 4/20/01. In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss this matter please feel free to call Applicant's Agent so that we can expedite the process of fixing any irregularity that may have occurred – Applicant is open to suggestions.

3. Applicant has amended the specification to indicate the current status of the applications identified in the specification.

4. Applicant has submitted copies of references A184 – A187 along with the fee required under CFR 1.17 for considering references filed after a first Office Action and before a final disposition. Please consider these submitted references.

5. A copy of the declaration with all of the inventors signatures has been included herewith – please enter the copy of the declaration in the file.

6. The Abstract has been amended to place the Abstract in proper form.

7. As indicated above, according to Applicant's records Applicant did not intend to file the substitute specification identified in paragraph 1 of the present Office Action. If a substitute specification was entered Applicant will amend the specification to eliminate the text related to Figs. 46 – 73E which Applicant believes should not be part of the present application.

8-11. The Office Action rejected claims 37 and 43 – 47 as anticipated by Reed. In addition, the Office Action indicated that claims 38 – 42 were objected to but would be allowed if amended to include the limitations of the claims form which those claims pend. Applicant has amended the claims so that claim 37 now includes the limitations of previous claims 37 and 38 and so that claim 39 now includes the limitations of previous claims 37 and 39. Claim 38 has been cancelled and claims 40 and 41 that previously depended on claim 38 have been amended and now depend form claim 37.

The un-amended claims each depend from other claims that the Examiner indicated where allowable and therefore should be patently distinct through dependency.

Applicant has also added new claims 75 through 85 that depend in some way from either claim 37 or claim 39, each of which the Examiner indicated is allowable. Thus, through dependency, each of claims 75 – 85 should be patentable.

Applicant has introduced no new matter in making the above amendments and antecedent basis exists in the specification and claims as originally filed for each amendment. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes claims 37, 39-47 and 75 – 85 of the present application recite patentable subject matter and allowance of the same is requested. No fee in addition to the fees


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already authorized in this and accompanying documentation is believed to be required to enter this amendment, however, if an additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 17-0055 in the amount of the fee.

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Version Of Specification Paragraphs Showing Changes

Hereinafter, added text is shown as underlined while deleted text is shown in square brackets.

Changes in the cross reference to related applications:

The following U.S. patent applications/patents are cross-referenced and incorporated by reference herein: (a) Serial No. 09/182,998, titled "INFORMATION DISPLAY SYSTEM" filed on October 30, 1998; (b) Serial No. 09/183,023, titled "WORK STATION" filed on October 30, 1998 now 6,374,547; (c) Serial No. 09/183,021, titled "WORK ENVIRONMENT" filed on October 30, 1998 now 6,463,701; (d) Serial No 09/182,997, titled "DISPLAY BOARD SYSTEM" filed on October 30, 1998 now 6,263,602; (e) Serial No. 09/182,999, titled "DISPLAY BOARD SYSTEM" filed on October 30, 1998 now 6,272,779.

Changes in the Detailed Description of the Invention:

Changes in the Abstract:

A mounting structure for at least one display board providing a first mounting interface and a second mounting interface [is disclosed. The], the mounting structure [includes] including a first pivotal interface and a second pivotal interface[. The], the first pivotal interface [includes] including a first projection forming a retaining slot adapted to engage the first mounting interface of the display board[. The], the second pivotal interface [is] adapted to engage the second mounting interface of the display board[. The], the display board [is] adapted to be removable pivotally coupled to the mounting structure at both the fist pivotal interface and the second pivotal interface. [A mounting structure for display of at least one display board is also disclosed. The mounting structure includes a frame, a compliant retaining system. The complaint retaining system includes a pair of spaced-apart members for the display board coupled to the frame, wherein at least one of the members is compliant. The display board can be pressed into secure engagement

between the members of the compliant retaining system. A mounting structure coupled to a floor and associated with an existing structure and for use with at least one display board is further disclosed. The mounting structure includes an articulating frame and at least one display rack. The frame is pivotally coupled to the existing structure for movement between a fully deployed position and a fully stowed position. The at least one display rack is coupled to the articulating frame and provides a first interface and a second interface for pivotal coupling of a plurality of display boards.]

Changes in the Claims:

37. (Amended) A mounting structure for at least one display board providing a first mounting interface and a second mounting interface comprising:
a first pivotal interface including a first projection forming a retaining slot adapted to engage the first mounting interface of the display board wherein the first projection is a hook; and
a second pivotal interface adapted to engage the second mounting interface of the display board;
so that the display board is adapted to be removably pivotally coupled to the mounting structure at both the first pivotal interface and the second pivotal interface.

38. Cancelled.

39. (Amended) [The mounting structure of claim 37] A mounting structure for at least one display board providing a first mounting interface and a second mounting interface comprising:
a first pivotal interface including a first projection forming a retaining slot adapted to engage the first mounting interface of the display board; and

a second pivotal interface adapted to engage the second mounting interface of the display board wherein the second pivotal includes a second projection having a post;

so that the display board is adapted to be removably pivotally coupled to the mounting structure at both the first pivotal interface and the second pivotal interface.

40. (Amended) The mounting structure of claim [38] 37 wherein the second pivotal interface includes a second projection having a post.

41. (Amended) The mounting structure of claim [38] 37 wherein the second pivotal interface is adapted to be generally coaxial with the second mounting interface.

42. The mounting structure of claim 39 wherein the retaining slot of the first pivotal interface includes a retaining profile with a terminus for securing the first mounting interface of the display board.

43. The mounting structure of claim 37 wherein the first pivotal interface is configured to at least partially grip the first mounting interface of the display board.

44. The mounting structure of claim 37 further comprising a cap having the first pivotal interface and a base having the second pivotal interface.

45. The mounting structure of claim 44 further comprising a frame coupling the cap to the base.

46. The mounting structure of claim 45 wherein the frame is adapted for mounting to an existing structure.

47. The mounting structure of claim 45 further comprising a cover fitted over the frame.

75. (New) The mounting structure of claim 44 wherein the cap includes a plurality of first pivotal interfaces and the base includes a second pivotal interface for each of the first pivotal interfaces so that the mounting structure is adapted to receive and support a plurality of display boards.

76. (New) The mounting structure of claim 39 further comprising a cap having the first pivotal interface and a base having the second pivotal interface.

77. (New) The mounting structure of claim 76 wherein the cap includes a plurality of first pivotal interfaces and the base includes a second pivotal interface for each of the first pivotal interfaces so that the mounting structure is adapted to receive and support a plurality of display boards.

78. (New) The mounting structure of claim 76 further comprising a frame coupling the cap to the base.

79. (New) The mounting structure of claim 76 wherein the frame is adapted for mounting to an existing structure.

80. (New) The mounting structure of claim 76 further comprising a cover fitted over the frame.

81. (New) The mounting structure of claim 37 wherein the first and second pivotal interfaces are generally coaxial.

82. (New) The mounting structure of claim 39 wherein the first and second pivotal interfaces are generally coaxial.

83. (New) The mounting structure of claim 39 wherein the first pivotal interface is configured to at least partially grip the first mounting interface of the display board.

84. (New) The mounting structure of claim 37 wherein the second pivotal interface is disposed below the first pivotal interface.

85. (New) The mounting structure of claim 39 wherein the second pivotal interface is disposed below the first pivotal interface.